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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response was due October 31, 2008. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants request a two month extension of time extending the due date to December 31, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee of two hundred and forty five dollars (\$245.00) under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-0252 for the two month time extension for a small entity. No other fee is believed due in connection with this paper. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0252.

This paper includes the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2;

**Remarks** beginning on page 5.

Reconsideration of the claims of the instant application is respectfully requested in light of the arguments that follow.